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In one of our recent mailings sent you an excerpt from a program on The Spy Shop in Washington by Denise Bourdet of Pacifica Washington bureau, 13 Jan 72. In it she quoted Lewis Powell as having said, "The public has nothing to fear from electronic surveillance, as long as the public is careful." However, it wasn't clear whether this was a direct quotation. She may have been referring to the following from an article written by Powell "for the Aug 1 editions of the Times-Dispatch of Richmond, Va.," and reprinted by NYTimes 3 Nov 71:

"The outcry against wiretapping is a tempest in a teapot. There are 210 million Americans. There are only a few hundred wiretaps annually, and these are directed against people who seek to subvert our democratic form of government. Law-abiding citizens have nothing to fear."

The article is titled 'America Is Not a Repressive Society,' and is about 3/4 of a page. Do you want to see it?